THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of pending applications are not published until after Government has taken a view thereon.

(c) Issues such as viability of the project, suitability of product mix, assured availability of feedstock and availability of financial resources, etc. are yet to be resolved with the State Government.

Crisis in the DMT Industry

1497. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: *Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:*

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news captioned "Severe crisis in DMT Industry" which appeared in the Indian Express of 26th February 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that two out of three Dimethyle Terephthalate (DMT) Industry have laready been closed and the third one is on the verge of closure;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and how many workers have been rendered jobless;

(d) whether the huge stock of DMT has been accumulated for want of buyers;

(e) if so, the details of the stocks accumulated in each factory;

(f) how much import of PTA have been allowed after the commencement of newly DMT producing plants;

(g) what steps have been taken to dispose of the accumulated stocks of DMT and to reopen the factories which are closed;

(h) whether any representations have been received in this connection from any quarters; and

(i) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Only one DMT Plant has been closed reportedly due to market constraints. As per information obtained none of the workers has been laid off.

(d) and (e) The stock with the DMT manufacturers in January 1986 were as follows:—

Name of the Unit	Quantity tonnes (Approximate)
(i) M/s Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	10,000
(ii) M/s. Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd.	6,000
(iii) M/s. Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd.	2,000

(f) Lincences for import of PTA by the actual users for a total quantity of about 39,000 tonnes were issued.

(g) With a view to discourage imports, DMT and PTA have been shifted from OGL to limited permissible category and the import duty on DMT and PTA has been increased.

(h) Yes, Sir.

(i) Details include mainly low off-take by the consumers and suggested measures to improve the position. Steps have been taken to encourage the use of indigenous DMT to the maximum extent possible.

Products of E-Merck

1498. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that E-Merck manufacture either Harmone and Vitamin preparation of price decontrol Nasal props;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Harmone preparations are exempted from Price Control Order, 1979.

(c) if so, names of other products except Harmones, Vitamin and Nasal drops preparations being marketed by company alongwith sales turnover of each during the ltast three years, yearwise;

(d) names of the products being marketed by the company whcih are exemted from price control order 1979 addingwith the price of each before the price control and the price in January, 1986;

(e) what was the percentage increase or decrease in each case; and

(f) what was the total sales turnover of this company, overall profitability to total sales turnover of formulations alongwith the sales turnover of Vitamin and Harmones preparations, during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (c) E-Merck manufacture Harmone Vitamin preparations, Nasal drops as well as some other formulations. The sales-turnover of individual formulation is not monitored.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) A Statement furnishing the information is attached.

(f) To the extent information is available, during the year 1984, the total domestic sales turnover of formulations of E-Merck (India) Limited was Rs. 23.27 crores. The percentage of pre-tax profit on formulations marketed in the country was only 7.7 per cent. Sales turnover of Bitamins and Harmones produced by the company is not available.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the price exempted formulation	Pack size	Retail price before DPCO, 1979	Latest available retail price	Percentage increase
1	Encephabol Tabs.	20's	22·01	35·68	62·11
	100mg/tab.	100's	100·44	169·93	69·19
	200mg/tab.	10's	..	30·90	..
2	Encephabol	100 ml.	23·40	40·71	73·97
	Suspension	200 ml.	..	72·60	..
3	Encephabol	3 peris	..	24·44	..
	Infusion	50's	13·10	17·56	34·05
4	Lithocarb Caps.	250's	56·08	79·86	42·40
5	Merckenzyme Tabs.	10's	10·54	11·22	6·45
6	Nasivion	10 ml.	3·26	9·13	180·06
7	Nasivion (Pead)	10 ml.	..	8·44	..
8	Pasuma strong	50's	14·47	26·64	84·11
9	Styptobion Tabs.	10's	4·56	6·49	42·32
		200's	66.51	94·19	41·62
10	Stypotobion Inj.	10Amp.	25·00	46·58	86·32
		100 Amp.	225·71	420·60	86·35
11	Testobion Inj.	10 Amp.	18·24	68·95	278·02
		50 Amp.	84·45	306·11	262·47